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GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE AND CONSOLIDATE NEW OR RESTORED
DEMOCRACIES

Letter dated 7 March 1997 from the Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on
3 March 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on Swaziland.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its
annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 38 of the
preliminary list.

(Signed) N. H. BIEGMAN
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Netherlands to the United Nations

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ANNEX

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Statement issued on 3 March 1997 by the Presidency of the
European Union on Swaziland

The European Union has taken note of the fact that the four accused leaders of the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions were acquitted on 26 February 1997 and hopes that this acquittal will contribute decisively to the peaceful resolution of the current difficulties without further detriment to the economy of Swaziland.

The European Union wishes to assure Swaziland of its continuing support for the constitutional review process with the participation of all sections of Swazi society, in the hope that it can be accelerated and brought to a timely and successful conclusion.
